

By: Senator(s) White

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 36

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF TERRY,
2 MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY.

3 WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church in Terry, Mississippi, is
4 celebrating 150 years of ministry and has planned a 150th
5 Anniversary Celebration Weekend on Saturday, March 1, 2003, and
6 Sunday, March 2, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church was constituted on
8 September 18, 1852, and was first called Friendship Baptist
9 Church; and

10 WHEREAS, the first church was located in New Town, a
11 community now known as Wynndale, 3.5 miles northwest of Terry, and
12 Reverend Jesse Woodall served as the first pastor; and

13 WHEREAS, the first Sunday School was organized in 1860 and
14 the church letter to the Central Association in 1866 indicated
15 that there were 31 white members and 21 black members; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1868, Friendship Church was moved from New Town
17 to Terry, and a house of worship was constructed in 1869 on a site
18 donated by Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Conway of Pike County, Mississippi;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, in 1872, there were 41 members of the church, 33
21 enrolled in Sunday School, and available records show that the
22 church library consisted of 125 volumes; and

23 WHEREAS, the name of the church was changed to Terry Baptist
24 Church in 1878; the former church site in New Town was sold in
25 1888 for \$20.00; and the earliest budget available for the year
26 1895 was \$395.55; and



27 WHEREAS, in 1899, the large white frame building that served
28 for many years was built; this building was razed and a brick
29 sanctuary completed in 1955; a brick education building was
30 completed in 1963; and in 1978, a Family Life Center was
31 constructed; and

32 WHEREAS, the name of Terry Baptist Church was changed to
33 First Baptist Church on January 27, 1974. Renovation and
34 enlargement of the sanctuary and office suite, which was started
35 in 1987, was completed in 1988. A dedication service was held
36 September 25, 1988; and

37 WHEREAS, current church statistics are: 1,081 total church
38 members; 562 Sunday School enrollment; 296 Sunday School average
39 attendance; and \$539,012.00 in total receipts; and

40 WHEREAS, current church leaders and personnel are: John H.
41 Pace, Jr., Pastor; Todd Cole, Minister of Youth and Activities;
42 Jeff Cannon, Director of Music; Maxcine Brunson, Secretary; Rhonda
43 Mangold, Childcare Director; Toby Jones, Chairman of the Deacons;
44 and Leonard Homes, Custodian; and

45 WHEREAS, the First Baptist Church has provided the citizens
46 of Terry, Mississippi, with many years of Christian guidance,
47 fellowship and worship to fulfill their religious needs:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF
49 MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby commend the First Baptist Church of
50 Terry, Mississippi, upon its 150th Anniversary and express our
51 appreciation for its many years of services to the citizens of
52 this state.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
54 furnished to the First Baptist Church and made available to the
55 Capitol Press Corps.

